Employment in SSIs

2352. SHRI RAMA MUNI SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Small Scale Industries export around 35 per cent of the exports of the country;

(b) if so, the estimated employment generated by this sector; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to promote small scale sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is estimated that the Small Scale Sector provided employment to 19.22 million persons in the year 2001-2002.

(c) The comprehensive policy package to strengthen the small scale sector and enhance its competitiveness announced by the Government on 30th August, 2000 *inter-alia* includes easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loan upto Rs. 25.00 lakh, capital subsidy for technological upgradation and improved infrastructure.

Restarting closed SSIs in UP and Delhi

†2353. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Small Scale Industries in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi are lying closed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to restart the said Small Scale Industries which are lying closed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.